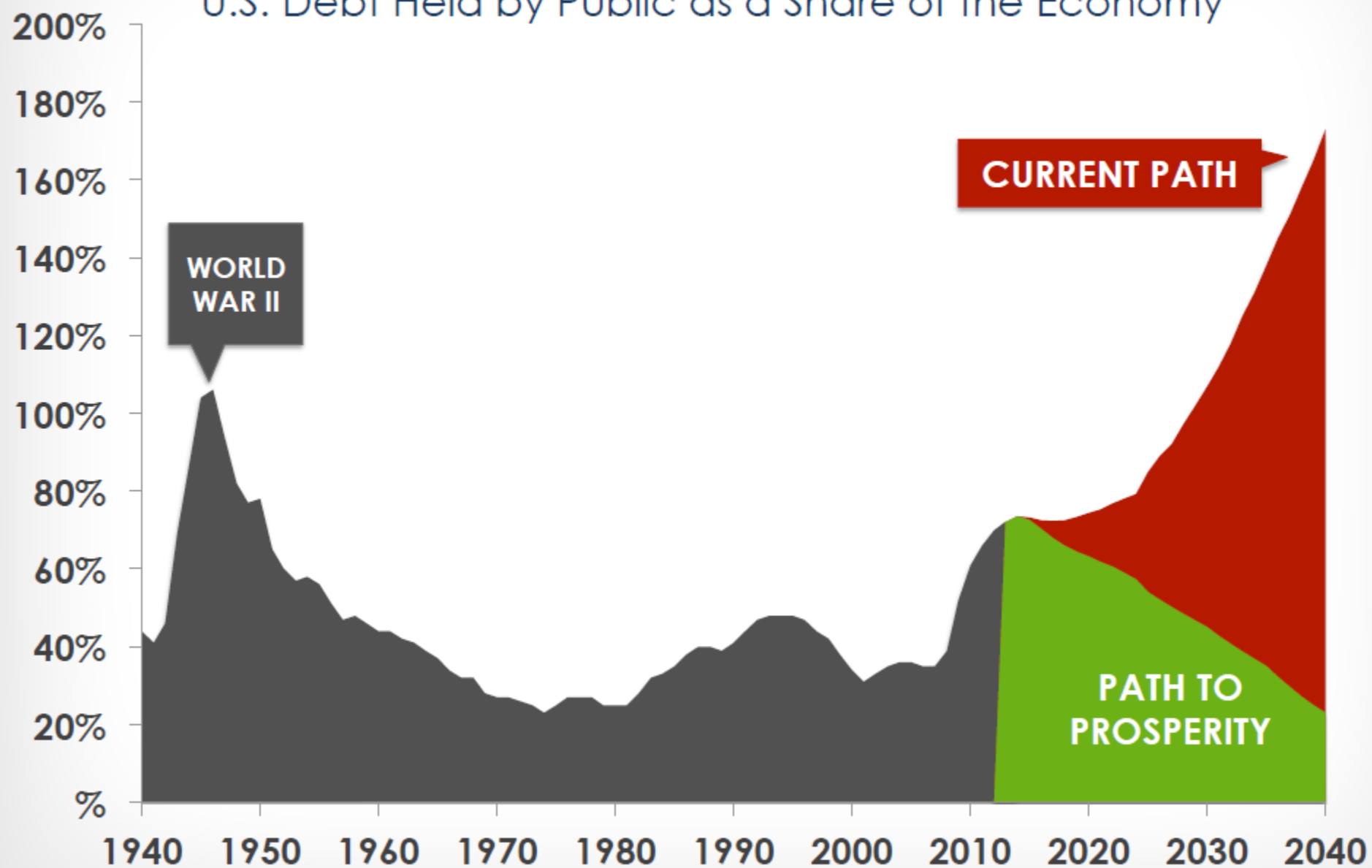


A CHOICE OF TWO FUTURES

U.S. Debt Held by Public as a Share of the Economy



Pledge to Texas

**HONOR THE TEXAS FLAG,
I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THEE,
TEXAS,
ONE STATE UNDER GOD,
ONE AND INDIVISIBLE**



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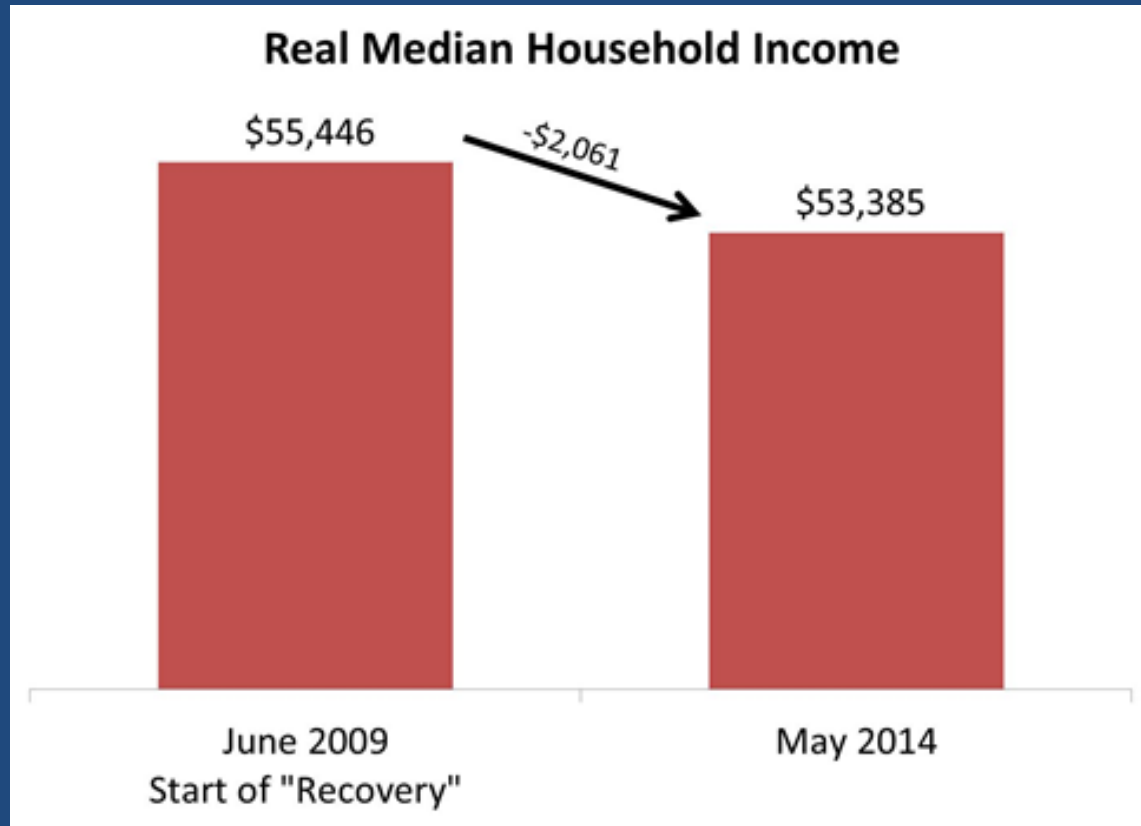


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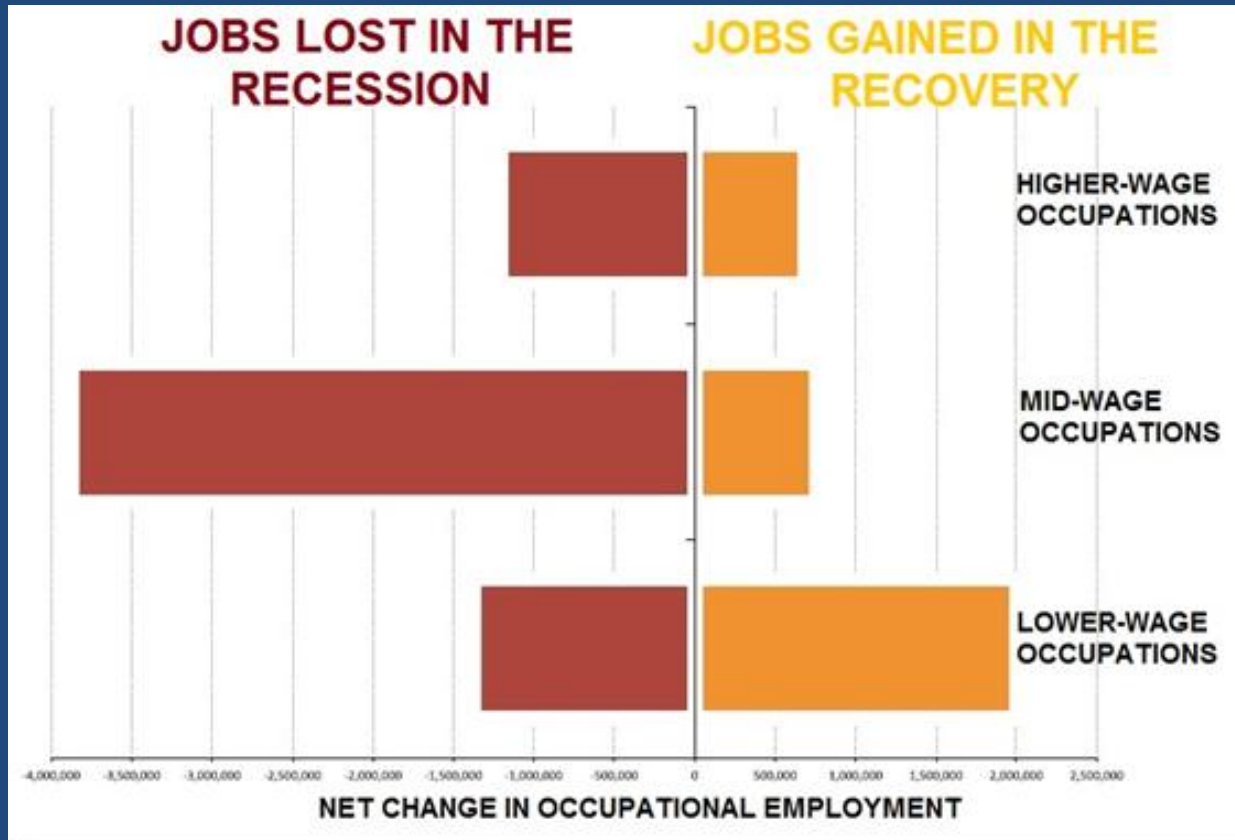
As of May 2014, U.S. median household income is down \$2,000 from June 2009





Challenge: Obama Economy

The mid- and high-wage jobs lost during the recession were replaced by lower-wage jobs





Challenge: Obama Economy

Involuntary part-time employment remains nearly double pre-recession levels at 7.5 million





Challenge: Obama Economy

- High taxes
 - President Obama's insistence on raising taxes on American businesses
- National debt
 - House Republicans have slowed growth in federal spending
 - Under President Obama \$7 trillion has been added to the national debt
- Over regulation
 - The Obama Administration has increased regulations on all business activity
 - Energy
 - Healthcare
 - Banking
 - Employment







American Solutions

- Jobs & the economy are the American people's highest priorities
- House Republicans want to create jobs by:
 - Lower taxes
 - Reduce federal spending
 - Less regulation
- While more than **350 House-passed bills** continue to stack up on Senator Reid's desk, House Republicans have not been deterred from our work on behalf of the American people





Challenge: Holding our government accountable

- President Obama's refusal to enforce our immigration laws and border crisis
- IRS targeting conservative groups
- Attack on U.S. Embassy in Benghazi
- Veterans Affairs (VA)
- Fast and Furious





Examples of the Obama Administration working outside of their constitutional authority

- Illegally sold thousands of guns to criminals, in the operation known as Fast and Furious, and then refused to comply with congressional subpoenas
- Made illegal “recess” appointments to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the National Labor Relations Board
- More than 600 convicted criminals, including felons, were among thousands of illegal immigrants freed under the Obama administration due to sequestration cuts in 2013. The Obama administration released 2,226 immigrant detainees, 617 of whom had criminal convictions.
- Release of 5 prisoners at Guantanamo Bay without consulting Congress
- Dismissed charges filed by the Bush Administration against New Black Panther Party members who were videotaped intimidating voters at a Philadelphia polling stations during the 2008 election
- Gave 23,994 tax refunds worth more than \$46 million to aliens here illegally using the same Atlanta, GA address





American Solutions

Upholding the oath to “well and faithfully execute the law”

- Article II, section 3 of the Constitution provides that the President “shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed.” The Take Care Clause is a limit on the President’s executive power that requires him to execute the law as written.
- The House is doing this because we have a **duty to uphold our oath to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution.** It is the same oath the President has taken, and yet, time and again he has ignored the requirements of the Constitution while circumventing the American people and their elected representatives.
- If Congress doesn’t act now, the **erosion of legislation power will continue**, and the **damage to our Constitution and to our Republic will be irreversible.**

**When the Administration lies to
Members of Congress,
they lie to the American people**

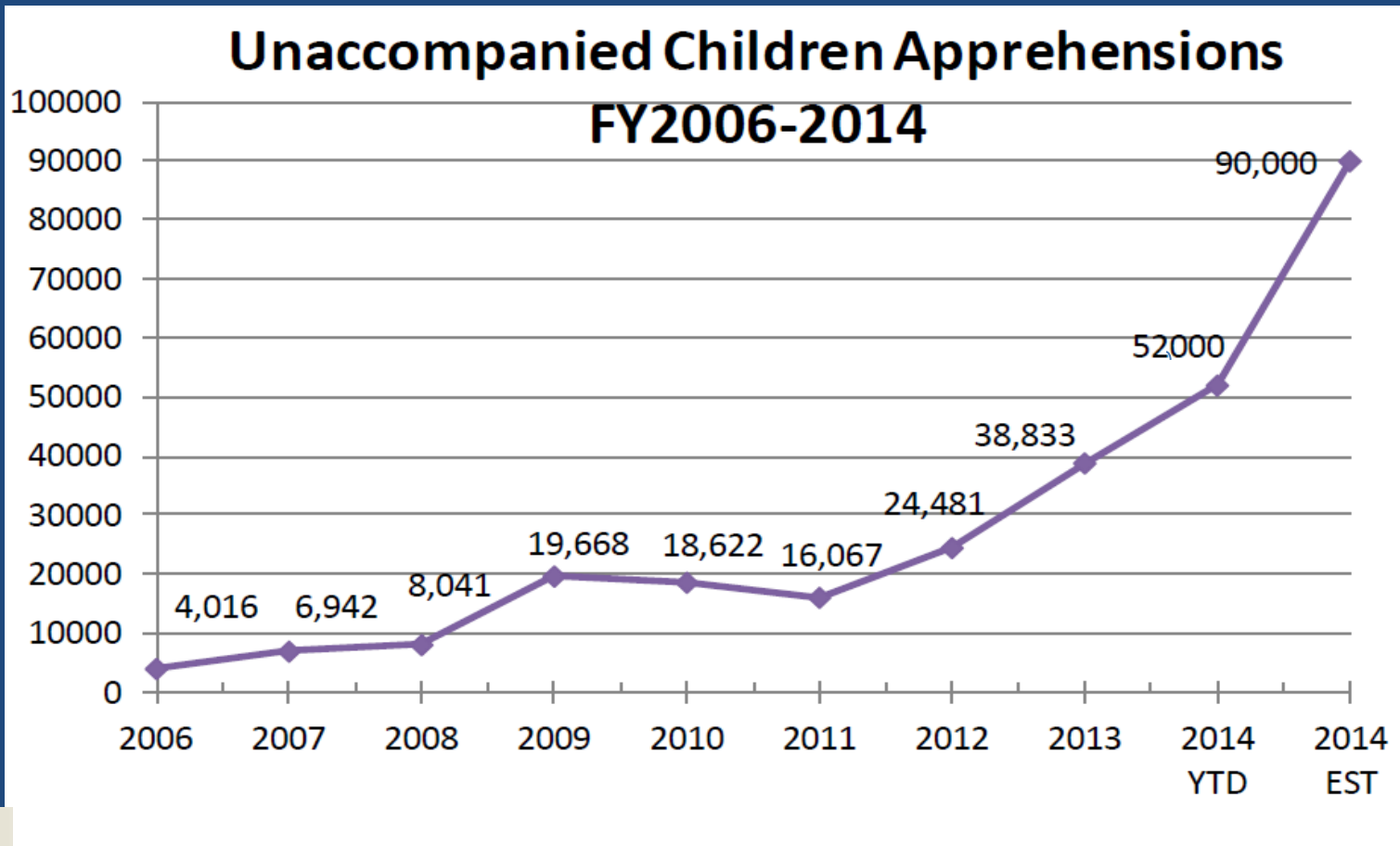




Border Security Crisis

Surge of Minors at U.S.-Mexico Border

The current border crisis is due to President Obama's inaction & failure to secure the border





Border Security Crisis

- Already this year, 50,000 minors have crossed the border
- 80 % of these minors are males ages 13 – 17 who are self reporting their ages to officials
- More than 92% of these children come from El Salvador, Guatemala, & Honduras with primary point of entry into the United States at the Rio Grande Valley in South Texas



Border Security Crisis

What Is Driving This Surge?

- Perceptions of a lenient enforcement environment in America
 - Obama Administration's Executive Actions Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
 - Prospect for amnesty through the comprehensive immigration reform through the Senate immigration bill, S. 744
 - Illegal aliens were encouraged to come into our country because of President Obama's 2012 executive order.
- Cartels and coyotes selling their services
- Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008
 - This legislation was originally intended to protect female minors, however 80 percent of the individuals who are protected under this legislation are males, ages 13 – 17, who are self reporting their ages.





Border Security Crisis

President Obama's Directive to Department of Homeland Security

- June 15, 2012: Obama Administration announced that certain people who came to the United States as children & met several guidelines can request consideration of deferred action for a period of 2 years, subject to renewal
- This policy rewards families and individuals who have broken our laws and gives them the opportunity to stay in our country
- DACA has caused an increase in unaccompanied alien children because individuals see this as a loophole to avoid deportation and get into our country illegally
- While DACA may be contributing to the false belief that many of these children are operating under, none are actually able to take advantage of DACA – it requires that the individual must have “continually resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to present time”





American Solutions

On August 1, 2014

The House Passed - H.R. 5230, Border Security Emergency Supplemental

Spends \$3 billion LESS than President Obama's original request

- **Protects the border**
 - Boosts DHS with \$405 million for border security & enforcement
 - Increases National Guard presence on the Southwest border solely at the discretion of border governors with \$70 million
 - Authority for Southwest border states to reallocate existing federal grants to combat illegal immigration & drug trafficking
 - Prohibits the Administration from restricting CBP on federal land
 - Fixes problems in the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008
 - Treats all UACs the same as Mexicans & Canadians for purpose of removal
 - UACs with credible fear of persecution or who have been trafficked must appear before an immigration judge within 14 days of their initial screening & will be detained until their appearance





American Solutions

On August 1, 2014

the House passed H.R. 5272, DACA & Executive Amnesty Freeze Act

- This bill will look past DACA & would tie President Obama's hands on future executive actions he could take to expand amnesty for illegal aliens
- Would prevent President Obama from circumventing Congress and granting blanket amnesty
- Would freeze DACA as of July 30, 2014, by prohibiting federal funds or resources from being used to:
 - Adjudicate new DACA applications
 - Newly authorized deferred action for any class of alien
 - Authorize work permits for aliens not lawfully present in the United States





My solutions

- Elections matter, but in the meantime...
- Encourage economic prosperity and job growth by using Texas' economic policies and applying them nationally
 - The economy is doing better because House Republicans put a stop to the Obama-Pelosi agenda
- Continue to fight against the lawlessness of the Administration by encouraging House-led investigations and hearings to uncover injustice and deception
 - House investigations are taking a toll on the Administration
- Secure our borders by enforcing our nation's immigration laws and stop rewarding individuals who come to our nation illegally
 - House Republicans have passed REAL solutions to address this problem

